

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application:

Inventor(s): Dirk Seegert, *et al.*

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Title: **PEGylated Soluble GP130-Dimers
useful as a Medicament**

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Examiner: Prema Maria Mertz

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RESPONSE/AMENDMENT

M/S Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action dated August 1, 2008. The shortened statutory period for response expires on November 1, 2008. The Response and election is submitted prior to shortened statutory period for reply, therefore no extension fee is required to enter this Response.

Prior to reconsidering this application on the merits, please amend the application as follows:

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Applicants' **Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.